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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PAN AM INTEREST IN LUANDA ROUTE

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1. THE ANGOLAN DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION, BESSA VICTOR, RECENTLY TOLD A CONGEN OFFICER THAT HE WOULD WELCOME CONTACTS WITH PAN AM REGARDING TRAFFIC/TECHNICAL STOP RIGHTS HERE. HE FURTHER INDICATED TECHNICAL STOP (REFUELING) PRIVILEGES PROBABLY WOULD NOT PRESENT ANY PROBLEM.

2. ON POSSIBLE TRAFFIC RIGHTS, HOWEVER, BESSA VICTOR EMPHASIZED THAT PRESENT CIVAIR AGREEMENTS WITH THE CONGO, ZAIRE, GABON AND ZAMBIA ARE AT THE CIVAIR DIRECTORATE LEVEL, NOT FORMALLY GOVERNMENT - TO - GOVERNMENT, A RESULT OF ANGOLA'S NOT FULLY-INDEPENDENT STATUS. THE THRUST OF HIS REMARKS CONFIRMS THAT TRAFFIC RIGHTS QUESTIONS WITH OTHER THAN "NEIGHBORING STATES" (INCL GABON) WILL HAVE TO AWAIT INDEPENDENCE. INDUSTRY AND LOWER-LEVEL AERONAUTICS AUTHORITIES SAY BRITISH AIRWAYS, LUFTHANSA AND AIR FRANCE HAVE ALREADY APPROACHED ANGOLAN AUTHORITIES.

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3. IN SPITE OF EX-IM'S DECISION NOT TO FINANCE THE BOEING ATC SYSTEM, INDICATIONS ARE DEVELOPMENT/INSTALLATION WILL CONTINUE ON A CASH BASIS, AS WILL PURCHASE OF THE TWO 737S. ONE REASON GIVEN FOR ANGOLA'S ABILITY TO PAY CASH IS THE DIFFICULTY IN EXPENDING THE 224 MILLION DOLLARS EARMARKED FOR DEVELOPMENT IN LIGHT OF VIOLENCE AND GENERALLY UNSETTLED CONDITIONS HERE. AS LONG AS OIL REVENUES CONTINUE, "HIGH TECHNOLOGY", FOREIGN-SUPPLIED PACKAGE PROJECTS WILL OF NECESSITY BE FAVORED OVER HARDER TO IMPLEMENT, MORE BASIC PROGRAMS SUCH AS RURAL AND AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.
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